

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:

a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;

b) said wall including at least a lintel, each end of said lintels being located upon and receiving support at each end from adjacent ones of said footings to locate each of said lintels above ground and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from each of said lintels ~~lintel~~;

c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ into at least some of said plurality of courses ~~said wall~~; [[and]]

d) a post extending upwardly from each said footings; and

e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each of said footings and into the respective one of said posts ~~footing~~ and adapted for resisting tilting of said wall.

2. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 including a plate

disposed on each of said footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein
~~including a post extending from each of said footings, said at least one further tensioning~~
~~rod extending upwardly into said post, each of said post posts includes~~ including a
vertical slot for receiving an end of said wall.

4. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 including a plate
disposed on each of said footings for supporting said post and said lintel.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3 [[4]]
wherein an end of each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ extends into said slot of each of adjacent
ones of said posts ~~said post~~.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 3
including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within each of said lintels ~~lintel~~ and
grout for imbedding said rebar within said lintel and a lower end of at least one of said
tensioning ~~rods~~ rods ~~rod~~ within said lintel.

7. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said lintel
is generally C-shaped in cross section.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 [[7]] wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

9. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 8 wherein at least one of said tensioning rods extend upwardly through said opening.

10-16. **(Cancelled)**

17. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise concrete masonry units.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of courses comprise bricks having at least one passageway therethrough.

19-22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Currently Amended)** A method for constructing an above ground wall having a plurality of wall sections, said method comprising in combination:

a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall sections of the wall to be built;

b) installing at least one tension rod to extend upwardly from each footing;

- c) placing a plate on each footing;
- d) building a post on each plate with blocks to provide a vertical cavity for receiving ~~said the~~ at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall section to be built;
- e) placing a lintel on each of the plates to locate the ends of the lintel in the slots of the respective posts and above ground for supporting a wall section;
- f) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel to define the wall section, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and
- g) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall section in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

24. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

25. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 23 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

26. **(Currently Amended)** A wall structure having an above ground wall, said wall structure comprising in combination:

- a) a plurality of footings disposed at least partially in the ground at each end of said wall;
- b) said wall including a lintel, each end of said lintel being supported

~~above ground on adjacent ones of receiving support at each end from~~ said footings and a plurality of courses extending upwardly from [[form]] said lintel;

c) at least one tensioning rod extending upwardly from said lintel into said wall;

d) a post extending from a respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said wall, said post including a vertical slot for receiving the corresponding end of said wall; and

e) at least one further tensioning rod extending upwardly from within each [[a]] respective one of said plurality of footings into the respective one of said posts and adapted for resisting tilting of said post.

27. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including a starter course disposed on the respective one of said plurality of footings for supporting an end of said lintel.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 including at least one rebar disposed longitudinally within said lintel and grout for imbedding said rebar and a lower end of said tensioning rod within said lintel.

29. **(Original)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 wherein said lintel is generally C-shaped in cross section.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 26 [[29]]

wherein said lintel includes a longitudinally oriented upwardly facing opening.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The wall structure as set forth in Claim 30 wherein each of said tensioning rods extends ~~extend~~ upwardly through said opening.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method for constructing an above ground wall, said method comprising in combination:

a) developing a footing at least partially in the ground at each end of the wall to be built;

b) installing at least one tensioning rod to extend upwardly from each footing;

c) building a post on each footing ~~with blocks~~ to provide a vertical cavity for receiving the at least one tensioning rod and to provide a vertical slot for receiving an end of the wall to be built;

d) locating the ends of a lintel in the slots of the respective posts and upon the footings to locate the lintel above ground;

e) laying a plurality of courses upon the lintel, each of the courses extending into the slots of the respective one of the posts; and

f) installing a plurality of tensioning rods extending from within the lintel upwardly into the wall in conjunction with ~~during~~ exercise of said step of laying.

33. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of

laying includes the step of laying concrete masonry units.

34. **(Original)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of laying includes the step of laying bricks.

35. **(Previously Added)** The method as set forth in Claim 32 wherein said step of building includes the step of laying blocks.